



Captain Robert T. Wiley Ship's Master Military Sealift Command

Captain Robert T. Wiley hails from the wine country of the Napa Valley in Northern California. A 1980 graduate of the California Maritime Academy, Captain Wiley accepted employment with the Military Sealift Command (MSC) immediately upon graduation and has worked primarily in the Underway Replenishment program.

Captain Wiley's first assignment was as Third Officer aboard the USNS Dutton (T-AGS 22) in 1980. He was promoted to Second Officer of the USNS Hassayampa (T-AO 145) in 1982 and promoted to First Officer of the USNS Mispillion (T-AO 105) in 1987. From 1980 to 1990, Captain Wiley served in numerous other junior officer assignments aboard many MSC Pacific ships including; USNS Passumpsic (T-AO 107), USNS Navasota (T-AO 106), and USNS Kawishiwi (T-AO 146). He is a plankowner of USNS Walter S. Diehl (T-AO 193) as well as USNS Pecos (T-AO 197).

Captain Wiley was promoted to Master on June 21, 1990 aboard USNS Neptune (T-ARC 2). As a relief Master, he commanded USNS Hassayampa during Operation Desert Shield and USNS Spica (T-AFS 9) during Operation Desert Storm. From July 1991 to April 1993 Captain Wiley served in various relief Master assignments aboard Spica as well as USNS Andrew J. Higgins (T-AO 190).

In August 1993, Captain Wiley reported to Guam for the decommissioning, and transfer to MSC, of the USS San Jose (AFS-7). He became the first civilian Master of the *USNS San Jose* (T-AFS 7) in November of 1993 and oversaw the vessel's conversion and introduction to MSC operations serving until February 1997. In March 1997, Captain Wiley reported to Oakland California as the MSCPAC Port Captain serving until April 1998.

Captain Wiley assumed command of the USNS John Ericsson (T-AO 194) in October 1998. From January 1999 to May 2000, Ericsson was assigned to Pearl Harbor for duties as the MIDPAC Oiler. In July 2000, Captain Wiley took a year leave of absence to attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island graduating in June 2001. Captain Wiley returned to Ericsson (operating in the Arabian Gulf/Gulf of Oman) on September 20, 2001 and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom from October 2001 until January 2002. After an eight-month sojourn to Seventh Fleet, Ericsson returned to the Arabian Gulf in September 2002 for the build-up and execution of Operation Iraqi Freedom until March 2003. Captain Wiley has commanded the USNS John Ericsson in various missions all around the Pacific until December 2005.

Captain Wiley assumed command of USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) in March 2006 for the upcoming *Humanitarian Medical Deployment* to the Far East.

Captain Wiley's awards include the *Meritorious Civilian Service Award*, as well as the *Merchant Marine Expeditionary Medal* (two awards). He is also the recipient of the US Navy League's 2002 *Arthur L. Johnson Award for Inspirational Leadership*.